

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am participating in the following form letter - in addition to it's comments, I would like to say that I a registered voter in a two income household/family.

It is hard enough to be within the low-"middle class" sect of society; we make too much money to qualify for reductions of anything, we carry medical/dental insurance and pay a fortune in premiums, deductibles and % of expenses "not covered", are paying an orthodontist a small fortune for 2 children with braces for the next 2 plus years, and of course we are law-abiding by carrying atuo insurance that gets higher & higher every year even though we don't have citations or accidents.

Yet we don't even come close to making enough money to buy our own home, have play "toys" (boats, 4-wheelers, snow machines, dvd players, computers, laptops, etc) or drive new vehicles (ours are 10 years old or older).

So, how much sense does it make to categorize us in the same sect as big businesses by charging my cell phone usage at a rate comparable to big businesses?

My cell phone usage is minimal on purpose (we can't afford to "gab"), but needed for emergency purposes and communication with my spouse who is on the railroad and works all over the state out on the rail; thus this is my only means of communication with him at times.

I would appreciate it if you would keep the "small" people/families in mind (who pay their own way in this world on limited & tight budgets) when contemplating the FAIR SHARE PLAN.

Thank you very much for your time and I'd also appreciate your consideration of the following:

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering,

people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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